(b) The major loss due to delayed/ deficient monsoon in production of Kharif foodgrains has been in the States of Uttar Pradesh (58.2 lakh tonnes), Rajasthan (42.1 lakh tonnes), Andhra Pradesh (33.8 lakh tonnes), Bihar (25.8 lakh tonnes), Jharkhand (20.2 lakh tonnes) and Madhya Pradesh (11.4 lakh tonnes).

The State with major loss in production of Kharif oilseeds are Madhya Pradesh (13.5 lakh tonnes), Andhra Pradesh (4.9 lakh tonnes), Karnataka (3.6 lakh tonnes) and Rajasthan (3.3 lakh tonnes).

(c) and (d) Government has taken several initiatives for supplementing the efforts of States to increase the production of winter crops which *inter-alia* include timely availability of critical inputs, marketing support, providing credit etc. Early rabi planning for capitalizing the soil moisture of late rains (September and to Ist week of October) was facilitated by the Ministry by extending expert support to States. Planning for additional areas under Boro/summer rice, wheat, pulses and coarse cereals for increased production in rabi is finalized. Measures for tie-up for input supply, advance financial allocation and releases to the States for timely completion of Rabi operations are ensured through conferences and interactions with the States.

Crop loss due to floods

†155. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any study has been conducted to ascertain the number of flood affected States during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total quantity of crops lost, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the grants sanctioned to every State for compensating the loss of crops during the above-said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Home Affairs is concerned in the matter and necessary information is being collected from them.

Central assistance to Karnataka to tackle crops loss

156. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of loss of crops suffered by Karnataka this year due to heavy late monsoon rains;

(b) the Central assistance sought by the State Government for the relief of the farmers who have suffered heavy losses; and

(c) the assistance, so far, given by the Centre for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) Due to heavy rains/floods during the month of September and October, 2009 in the State of Karnataka, a total area affected during Kharif is reported at 18.95 lakh hectares and in Rabi 2.97 lakh hectares.